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Media Advisory

HIALEAH HONORS ITS EDUCATORS

Hialeah, Florida –

The Honorable Mayor Julio Robaina, the City Council and the Mayor's Educational Advisory Board are proud to host The 3rd Annual Educational Merit and Inspiration Awards as well as the Principal's Appreciation Reception.

The awards ceremony, aimed at recognizing teachers, staff and principals, will honor those educators who have gone above and beyond at helping our children excel. Among the many categories presented will be:

Office Staff of the Year category will be awarded to four women who have worked together for many years. Due to budget cuts, they were informed one of them was going to lose her job, the remaining three ladies joined together in helping her colleague and asked to be paid in 10 month instead of 12 month segments which would save money and allow their co-worker and long-time friend to keep her job while maintaining the same quality of work.

The Custodian of the Year winner left a higher paying job as Lead Custodian when his original position opened because of the love and pride he had for his job and the school he helps maintain.

The winner chosen as The Student of the Year has a weighted 6.3 GPA, close to 1,000 community hours, current and past involvement in Peace Day Rally, Race for the Cure, Humane Alternative Club, as well as organizes food and clothing drives. This student is also 1 of 70 selected from over 1,000 for a prestigious summer internship at MIT, has taken five AP courses, dual enrollment at Miami Dade College with A's as final grades and scored 1300 on the SAT's.

All these and many more will be recognized for their enduring efforts, camaraderie and dedication to education at this year's EMI Award Ceremony this Thursday.

"Giving Our Youth a World of Education"

When – THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009 AT 4:00 p.m.

Where – Applebee's Hialeah – 3690 West 16 Avenue

For more information, please contact the Communications & Special Events Department at 305-889-5701. For inquiries on event day, please contact 305-215-6204 – FOR MEDIA ONLY – NOT A PUBLIC TELEPHONE NUMBER.